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Council on Aging Minutes 09/28/2000

Members Present: Kathy McMahon, Harry McCabe, Richard Murray, Mildred Hurd, Harry Barber, Phil Mercandetti, Mary Dodge,

Members Absent: Alex Moschella

Others Present: John Jope (COA Executive Secretary), Maureen Jackson (COA Clerk/Secretary)
Patsy Kraemer (Director of Human Services), Angelo Bergantino (ASA President)

Quorum Identification/Call to Order: Kathy McMahon, Chair called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.
A quorum of 7 was present

Minutes of June 22 Council Meeting: It was MSV to accept the minutes

Public Forum: Jean Hopkins, President of Arlington's League of Women Voters talked about a new booklet put out by the Kaiser Foundation and the League of Women Voters on healthcare issues for seniors in anticipation for the upcoming election. The League will also schedule "public dialogue forums" at various Senior Centers. Jean also talked about a questionnaire that was available for people to fill out and return to the League.

Executive Secretary's report: John reported the Council on Aging will receive the R.O.S.E. Award for the new Senior Services Directory at the MCOA Annual Conference on October 6, 2000.
John reported that plans for the new sign are in the works. Alan McClennen had been waiting for the new maintenance person for the building to start work. He now has started. His name is Dave O'Brien. John sent a drawing of the sign to Alan McClennen.

REPORTS

Finance Committee: Richard reported the COA accounts looked fine. Nothing out of the ordinary the past month. John stated \$51,000 from Elder Affairs was received.

Bylaw Committee: Held over till next month

Needs Assessment Committee: Mary reported a few changes to the questions in progress. Will pass out a final draft to the Board.

Assisted Living Task Force: (no report)

Minuteman Home Care: Mildred reported the name is now officially Minuteman Senior Services. Mildred also had July nutrition report for Arlington.

COA representative to ASA: (no report)

ASA representative to COA: Angelo Bergantino reported Town Day went very well. Pauline Bergantino was the organizer for the ASA.

Sevoyan Bequest Committee: Harry McCabe reported the Committee would meet October 19 at 7 PM to inform the Board on their findings.

Any other committees wishing to report to Board: Richard Murray questioned an \$800 amount taken out of the Gift Fund in July to pay a dentist. John reported the COA paid half the dental bill and the other half came out of Arlington's Safety Net. The dental bill was paid for a senior whose teeth were so bad that the person had problems eating and talking. The Board asked John to send them a copy of the Gift Fund Protocol.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Municipal budget review/recommendations for F2002: In fiscal 2002 the new pay classification plan will be in effect. John reported no changes are necessary for the coming year.

7. Transportation Program review: (tabled)

8. Arlington Veteran's Agent move: Patsy Kraemer explained why the Veteran's Agency was moving and answered questions from the Board. A motion to have the Veteran's Agency move to the front offices at the COA, otherwise known as the Transportation & Volunteer offices was made by Mildred Hurd and seconded by Harry McCabe. A vote was taken. Harry McCabe and Mildred Hurd voted for the motion. Phil Mercandetti, Harry Barber, Richard Murray and Mary Dodge voted against. Kathy McMahon abstained. Richard Murray made a motion to leave the final decision on where to put the Veteran's Agency to John Jope. Mary Dodge seconded the motion. A vote was taken. Phil Mercandetti, Harry McCabe, Richard Murray and Mary Dodge voted for the motion. Mildred Hurd and Harry Barber voted against.

9. Janelle's resignation: Board will bring in names of possible new members. Will ask person if they are interested in serving on the Board and if they are to submit a resume. Richard asked if John could check with the Town Manager's office to see if he has received any resumes. In other words be the go-between for the board and the Town Manager's office.

10. Review/purpose of COA Town Day Activities: (tabled)

It was MSV to adjourn at 9:45 PM.

**The next meeting will be Thursday, October 19 at 7:30 p.m.
following Sevoyan Bequest Committee meeting at 7:00 p.m.**